

MERGER KNOCKED OUT BY SUPREME COURT.

Northern Securities Company is Declared to be in Restraint of Trade.

Legality of the Sherman Anti-Trust Law Sustained by a Vote of Five to Four—In Addition to the Jim-Hill Combine, Other Great Interstate Corporations Are Endangered.

(By DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.)

WASHINGTON, March 14.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] The United States Supreme Court has decided against the Northern Securities Company and dealt the trusts the hardest blow they have suffered since the beginning of the community-of-interests idea in the mercantile world. By a vote of 5 to 4, all of the Republican Justices but one concurring, the Supreme Court declares that the Northern Securities Company is a combination in restraint of trade and is, in effect, an illegal trust.

The decision goes further than the mere wiping out of the Northern Securities Company. It sustains the legality of the Sherman anti-trust law and affirms the power of Congress to make regulations governing trusts. In fact, it puts the situation on a basis that allows the Attorney-General of the United States to proceed against all combinations in restraint of trade.

The court holds that all contracts in restraint of trade, "reasonable and unreasonable," are contrary to law. This ruling applies to every trust in existence. It threatens the Standard Oil Company, the Sugar Trust, the Steel Trust, the Tobacco Trust, the Anthracite Trust and every other combination doing business in various States of the Union in violation of the provisions of the Sherman Anti-Trust law and Interstate Commerce Act.

The decree of the Circuit Court, which is affirmed today, contained the following:

"Enjoining the Securities Company, its officers, etc., from acquiring or attempting to acquire any more of such stock.

"From voting any such stock at any meeting of stockholders of either railway company.

"From exercising or attempting to exercise any control, direction, supervision or influence over the acts of either railway company by virtue of its holding of stock therein.

"From allowing the Securities Company or its attorneys or agents to vote the stock held by it.

"From paying any dividends on such stock to the Securities Company.

"From permitting the Securities Company, its officers, etc., to exercise any control over the corporate acts of such railway company."

The decree further provides that it shall not be construed as preventing a re-exchange between the Securities Company and those to which it has issued its own shares in exchange for those of either railway company.

OTHER POINTS NOT SETTLED.

(By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS—P.M.) ST. PAUL (Minn.) March 14.—The government's victory in the Northern Securities case does not end the litigation. There still remains on the docket the appeal of the State of Minnesota from the decision of Judge Lochran. There are different principles of law involved. A decision will determine whether the Federal courts can be appealed to in order to prevent outside corporations from violating the laws of a State.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The Supreme Court majority opinion in the merger case was handed down by Justice Harlan, and it upheld the decree of the Circuit Court for the district of Minnesota in every particular. The division of the court was due to a difference of opinion as to the right of Federal control of State corporations. The majority opinion proceeded on the theory that Congress has a right under the Constitution to control interstate commerce, not matter by whom conducted, while the minority, or dissenting opinion, was based on the theory that in the present case the effort is to regulate the ownership, not interstate traffic.

After announcing the origin and the purpose sought to be accomplished by the suit, Justice Harlan reviewed the facts as disclosed by the record in the case. Of the government's case, he said: "The government charges that if the combination was held not to be in violation of the act of Congress, then all efforts of the national government to preserve to the people the benefits of free competition among carriers engaged in interstate commerce will be wholly unavailing, and all transcontinental lines, indeed, the entire railroad systems of the country, may be absorbed, merged and consolidated, thus placing the public at the absolute mercy of the holding corporation."

And of the railroad's case: "The several defendants denied all the allegations of the bill imputing to them a purpose to evade the provisions of the act of Congress, or to form a combination or conspiracy having for its object either to restrain or monopolize commerce or trade among the States or with foreign nations. They denied that any combination or conspiracy was formed in violation of the act."

ALLEGATIONS SUSTAINED. Having outlined these preliminaries, Justice Harlan came immediately to the judicial consideration of the case, and practically indicated the decision of the court in the first sentence of the opinion proper. In that sentence he said: "In our judgment, the evidence fully sustains the material allegations of the bill, and shows a violation of the act of Congress in so far as it declares illegal every combination or conspiracy by restraint of commerce among the several States and with foreign nations, and forbids attempts to monopolize such commerce."

He again recurred to the facts in the case, and said that, laying aside any minor things, it was indisputable that upon the principal facts of the record, under the leadership of Hill and Morgan, the stockholders of the two railroad companies, having practically parallel lines of road, had combined under the laws of New Jersey by organizing a corporation for the holding of the shares of the two companies upon an agreed basis of value. Proceeding, he said:

"The stockholders of these two com-

THE VERY LATEST. WAR NEWS AFTER MIDNIGHT.

TO THE BITTER END.

[BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.]

ST. PETERSBURG, March 15.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] M. Serge Mulevitch de Witts, President of the Council of Ministers, says: "This war will be fought out to the bitter end. All Russia united stands behind the government, and we are also happy in having the moral support of France, Austria and Germany. We are not soliciting favors from any government. We want only fair play, and I have no doubt that America will be the first to grant us that. I fail to see any reason why any other nation should be drawn into this war. I don't look for and don't expect any international complications."

SOLD A LIST OF SPIES.

[By DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.]

WARSAW, March 15.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] Capt. Leonits, general of the staff, has been arrested. It is charged that he sold to a foreign power a list of Russian spies on the Russo-Germanic frontier. The captain will be shot.

NEWS VIA LONDON.

[By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS—P.M.]

LONDON, March 15.—A correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Yinchow says: "Vice-Admiral Makarov has issued orders to the effect that the saving of coal is unnecessary, but that the big gun ammunition in the forts must not be wasted. Evidently this ammunition is running short."

It is a subject of unceasing remark and conjecture that nothing has been heard of the Vladivostok squadron, and it is beginning to be believed that it is really inside the harbor of Vladivostok.

DESPERATE FIGHTING.

[By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS—P.M.]

TOKIO, March 15.—The steamer bearing ten wounded and the bodies of nine of the seamen who were killed in the Port Arthur fight of the 10th inst. has reached Sasebo. The wounded and dead were chiefly participants in the battle between the Japanese and the Russian torpedo boat destroyers. The survivors unite in praising the desperately heroic actions of the Russians, and tell a story of a personal encounter between Japanese sailors and the captain of the Russian destroyer Strelubitski. When the Japanese closed on the Russians, the sailor sprang aboard the enemy's vessel and met her commander emerging from the cabin. Sailor and captain sprang at one another, but the seaman was the quicker of the two and felled the Russian officer by striking him on the head with a cutlass. The Russian endeavored to rise, but the Japanese sailor kicked him overboard and he drowned. The Japanese say there were 22 dead on the two Russian destroyers.

The correspondent adds: "I con-

clude that many symptoms are not in accord with this authoritative declaration."

JAPANESE LOANS.

[By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS—P.M.]

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The Japanese legation has received a dispatch from the government saying that the total subscriptions for the treasury loan of 100,000,000 yen aggregated 452,255,770 yen, of which 32,523,400 yen represents subscriptions above the issue price for the bonds to be issued on account of the loan and 45,823,825 yen representing small subscriptions below 200 yen.

The combination, which was that it

placed the control of the two roads in the hands of a single person, and second, that it destroyed every motive for competition between the two lines by pooling their earnings, notwithstanding both were engaged in interstate traffic.

PROPOSITIONS DEDUCED.

Entering upon an investigation of the authorities bearing on the case, Justice Harlan deduced from the consideration of these precedents, the following propositions as applied to the present case:

"That although the act of Congress

known as the Anti-Trust Act has no

reference to the mere manufacture

and production of articles of commerce

within the limits of the several

States, it embraces and applies to

interstate or international commerce

and, commenting on these, he

said: "We do not understand that

the government makes any such con-

tentions or takes any such positions

as those statements imply. It does

not contend that Congress may con-

trol the mere ownership of stock in

a State corporation, engaged in inter-

state commerce. It does not con-

tend that Congress can control the orga-

nization or mere ownership of

private manufacturers or dealers,

whether interstate or international

commerce are restrained or pro-

moted by any means that are appropriate

and that are lawful and not prohibited

by the Constitution."

ANTI-TRUST LAWS.

The opinion then takes up the right

of Congress to enact such legislation

as the anti-trust law and goes into an

inquiry as to how far the courts may

go in order to give effect to such an

act and to remedy the evils designed

to be suppressed by it. Justice Har-

lan said it was the intention of legis-

lation of this character to prescribe a

rule for interstate commerce which

should prevent vexation by combina-

tions, conspiracies or monopolies

which restrain commerce by destroy-

ing or restricting competition. He

said: "That to initiate a combination,

such as the act of Congress condemns, it

need not be shown that such com-

bination in fact, results, or will re-

sult in, a total suppression of trade

or in a complete monopoly, but it is

only essential to show that by its

necessary operation, destroys or re-

stricts free competition among those

engaged in interstate commerce; in

other words, that to destroy or re-

strict free competition in interstate

commerce was to restrain such com-

merce. Nor can this, in itself, be

shown, say that such a rule is pro-

hibited by the Constitution, or is not

one that Congress could appropriately

prescribe when exerting its power

under the commerce clause of the

Constitution."

Taking up the contention that rail-

road corporations created under the

laws of a State can be consolidated

only with the authority of that State,

Justice Harlan said that he could not

see that the stockholders of these two com-

panies disappeared as such for the

moment, but immediately reappeared

as stockholders of the holding company,

which was thereafter to guard the

interests of both sets of stockholders as

a unit and to manage or cause to be

managed both lines of railroad as if

held in one ownership. Necessarily,

the holding company in the

final sense dominates the situation in the interest of those who were

stockholders of the constituent compa-

nies; as much so, for every practical

purpose, as it had been of a rail-

road corporation which had been

and operated both lines by

pooling their earnings, notwithstanding

both were engaged in interstate

commerce.

That railroad carriers, engaged in

interstate or international trade or

commerce are embraced by the act

is clear from the fact that the

holders of stock in a railroad cor-

poration are to it directly or ne-

cessarily operated in restraint of trade

or commerce.

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understand why this suggestion was made in this case.

"For," he went on, "there is no pretense that the combination here in question, was formed under the authority of the States under whose laws these railroad corporations were created. But even if the State allowed consolidation, it would not follow that the stockholders of two or more State corporations engaged in interstate commerce could lawfully combine and form a distinct corporation to hold the stock of the constituent corporations, and by destroying competition between them restrain commerce among the States and with foreign nations."

IN LINE WITH PRECEDENTS.

Justice Harlan announced the inability of the court to concur in the view of the Anti-Trust Act is repugnant to the Constitution of the United States.

"The contention of the defendants," he said, "could not be sustained without, in effect, overruling the prior decision of this court, as to the scope and validity of the Anti-Trust Act."

Proceeding further, in propounding this line of argument, he said: "Indeed, if the contentions of the defendants are sound, why may not all the railway companies in the United States that are engaged, under State charters, in interstate and international commerce, enter into combinations such as the one here in question, and by the advice of a holding corporation obtain the absolute control throughout the entire country of rates for passengers and freight business beyond the power of Congress to protect the public against their exactions?"

He continued: "It is the history of monopolies in this country and England that predictions of ruin are habitually made by them when it is attempted, by legislation, to restrain their operations and to protect the public against their exactions. In this, as in former cases, they seek shelter behind the reserved rights of the States and the constitutional guarantees of liberty of contract. But this court has heretofore adjudged that the act of Congress did not touch the rights of the States, and that liberty of contract did not involve a right to deprive the public of the advantages of free competition in trade and commerce. But even if the court shared the gloomy forebodings in which the defendants indulge, it could not refuse to respect the action of the legislative branch of the government, if what it has done is within the limits of its constitutional power."

The suggestions of disaster to business have, we apprehend, their origin in the zeal of parties who are opposed to the policy underlying the act of Congress, or are interested in the result of this particular case, at any rate. The suggestions imply that the court may and ought to refuse the enforcement of the provisions of the act, if, in its judgment, Congress was not wise in prescribing as a rule by which the conduct of interstate and international commerce is to be governed, that every combination, whatever its form, in restraint of such commerce and the monopolizing or attempting to monopolize such commerce shall be illegal. These, plainly, are questions as to the policy of legislation which belong to the legislative department, and this court has no function to supervise such legislation from the standpoint of wisdom of policy."

Justice Harlan set aside as fallacious the argument that the acquisition of stock by the Northern Securities Company was in the nature of an investment, saying that there had been no actual investment in any substantial sense. In this connection he referred to Morgan as authority for the statement that the stock had been transferred to the Securities Company merely for the purpose of suppressing competition, and in support of this statement quoted the testimony of Morgan, in which he had said that the Securities Company had been created a custodian, because it had no other alliances.

Referring to the decree of the Circuit Court, Justice Harlan said that no valid objection could be made to it in form or in substance. Discussing the effectiveness of relief at the hands of the court, he quoted approvingly the disposal by the Circuit Court of the suit and concluded: "The Circuit Court has done only what the actual situation demanded. Its decree has done nothing more than to meet the requirements of the state."

Attention also was given to the argument that the Anti-Trust Act must be strictly construed in its criminal features. Quoting a number of authorities on this subject, Justice Harlan said: "Guided by these long-established rules of construction, it is manifest that if the Anti-Trust Act is held not to embrace a case such as is now before us, the plain intention of the legislative branch of the government will be defeated."

Justice Harlan, in conclusion said:

"The judgment of the court is that the decree below is hereby approved, with liberty to the Circuit Court to proceed in the execution of its decree as the circumstances may require."

DISSENTING OPINIONS.

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WASHINGTON, March 14.—The

merger decision was concurred in by Justices Brown, Brewer, McKenna and Day, while Chief Justice Fuller and Justices White, Peckham and Holmes dissented.

Justice Harlan was followed by Justice Brewer, who, while concurring in the judgment, did not accept all of the language of the opinion.

Justice Holmes read the dissenting opinion. He construed the Anti-Trust Act as a criminal statute, and declared that there was nothing in it to indicate that it had been enacted merely for the control of large concerns, as is generally contended. Indeed, the law had not been understood as applying to railroads, until so construed by the Supreme Court. The act, he contended, applies only to contracts and combinations in restraint of trade, and makes no reference to competition. Logically construed, Justice Holmes said, today's decision should be followed by the criminal prosecution of the parties at interest in this case.

Speaking of the general understand-

ing that the Sherman law applies only to large corporations, the justice said that this impression was breathed from every pore of the statute, but

that its language did not bear out the conclusion. He thought this inference, due to the size of the railroad corporations. He took the position that there had been no attempt to monopolize in this combination of the railroads, and said that there could be no more objection to the purchase of the stock of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern roads by the Northern Securities Company than if bought by Morgan himself.

Referring to the point of personal responsibility, Justice Holmes said: "I do not expect to hear it maintained that Mr. Morgan could be sent to prison for buying as many shares as he liked of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern, even if he bought both at the same time and got more than half the stock of each road."

JUSTICE WHITE'S OPINION.

Justice White also read a dissenting opinion, taking up especially the power of Congress to control commerce. Beginning with argument in support of dissenting opinions, he outlined the points involved in the case. He referred to its importance, and called attention to the fact that only four members of the court, one less than a majority, had united in the opinion of the court. He said that the principles as laid down in that opinion are "destructive of government, destructive of human liberty and destructive of every principle upon which organized society depends."

Justice White said he conceded to the fullest extent the power of Congress over interstate commerce.

"But this question," he said, "is ownership of commerce—the acquisition and ownership of property interstate commerce?" "Commerce undoubtedly is traffic," he went on, "but it is something more. If it be true that the ownership of railroads may be controlled by the Federal government, why may not all ownerships be so controlled?"

"If the principle here adopted be true," he contended, "Hill's control of the railroads in question could be taken from him. He could not accept this theory, but contended for the right of the States to regulate matters of this character for themselves. For the Federal government to take the position that it can supervise in such instances is for it to pull down the pillars of the temple upon which it rests."

Justice White concluded his dissenting opinion at 2:45, and Chief Justice Fuller, after stating that he and Justice Peckham concurred in what Justices White and Holmes had said, announced a recess.

GOV. VAN SANT ELATED.

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HILL AND THE PROPERTIES.

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NEW YORK, March 14.—J. J. Hill,

president of the Northern Securities Company, received the news of the decision at the company's office in this city. He declined to discuss the matter except to say: "There is nothing to be said at this time. The properties of the Northern Securities Company are still there. They are good as ever."

Hill intimated that he might have something to say soon, but he got no definite scope of the decision.

He was in conference for some time after the news came out, with John H. Kennedy, who is one of the directors and largest stockholders in the Securities Company. At the office of J. P. Morgan & Company, no expression regarding the decision could be had. A member of the firm stated, however, that he was not surprised. Col. W. P. Clough, fourth vice-president of the company, the Northern Pacific, the Great Northern, the Union Pacific, the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, and the Southern Pacific Railway systems were practically merged. The united companies involved an outstanding share capital of \$791,922,248 and an aggregate mileage of 34,231.

The merger was hailed with delight by Wall Street as being calculated to put an end to the Northern Pacific or "nigger" war, as it was called, which for a time demoralized the street.

Everything seemed to be harmonious, but objections were soon forthcoming from stockholders and governors of different States, including Nebraska. It was claimed that the merger was illegal. Gov. Van Sant of Minnesota took the initiative in the effort to have it dissolved.

Gov. Odell expressed himself as being opposed to it also. Minnesota decided to sue in the United States courts. The latter State filed papers in January, 1902, and asked for an injunction.

The President took a hand in the fight a month later, and directed Attorney-General Knox to bring suit to dissolve the company. In the meantime, Minnesota's plea for an injunction was denied. It was said that financiers were seeking to influence the President to stay the prosecution, but they were unsuccessful. The Attorney-General went ahead and argued that the merger was illegal. In the interim, Minnesota and Montana brought fresh suits. Arguments were heard in the suit brought by the government in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, April 14, 1902.

In the same month, suit was begun in this city by Peter Power, acting as a "dummy" for the stockholders, to have the merger dissolved. This suit attracted considerable attention. Hearing in the suit of the government transferred to this city, and former Attorney-General Griggs conducted the case for the defense. A ton of evidence was produced, and prominent financiers were examined. Hearings were also heard in St. Paul, Minn., and St. Louis, Mo.

April 9, 1902, the United States Court of Appeals at St. Paul decided in favor of the government against the Northern Securities Company. The decision was unanimous and enjoined the company from controlling corporations, the stock of which it holds, or paying any dividends. Later, a modification of the ruling was secured.

HILL PLANS EVASION.

WILL GO TO CANADA.

BY DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES.

CHICAGO, March 14.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] James J. Hill and his associates are already planning to circumvent the decision of the Supreme Court in the Northern Securities case, according to private advices received from New York by a Chicago banker and associate of the railroad magnate

PRESIDENT PLEASED WITH DECISION.

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS-A.M.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The President received the news of the Supreme Court decision from the Associated Press. He expressed his satisfaction that the courts had sustained the contentions of the government. Later he will express his personal congratulations to the Attorney-General.

GEN. MANDERSON'S VIEWS.

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS-A.M.

WASHINGTON, March 14.—The Attorney-General, being asked concerning the merger decision, said:

"My views of the decision cannot be better expressed than in the language of one of the best-known railroad presidents in the United States upon the occasion of the decision in the court below. He said: 'The decision is sound law, good sense, and for the advantage of all legitimate interests in the country's welfare, and it voices the judgment of probably nine-tenths of the most conservative business men of the country.'

HILL ASKS FOR NO REHEARING.

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NEW YORK, March 14.—J. J. Hill,

when asked whether he would move for a rehearing, said: "No, I don't think we care enough for a rehearing to ask for it."

HARRIMAN CHEWING IT.

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS-P.M.

NEW YORK, March 14.—E. H. Harriman said: "I must digest the opinion, and consult my friends before talking about it."

STOCK CONVERSION UPHELD.

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ANOTHER MERGER CASE.

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ST. PAUL (Minn.) March 14.—A decision dismissing the appeal of Charles F. Manderson, general counsel for the Burlington road, one of the lines affected by the Supreme Court decision in the Northern Securities merger case, said the decision was a half point from 85% to 85% on news of the decision and rallied to 87% and later was quoted at 87.

THE STOCK MARKET.

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS-A.M.

NEW YORK, March 14.—The stock market was not generally affected by the decision. The general list, which made some improvement before noon, sold off for the most part when news of the decision came out.

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TO THE TIMES.

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"Do you think that all questions of international dispute can be arbitrated?" was asked.

"I certainly do. I cannot conceive of any possible dispute arising between two civilized nations which cannot be settled by the principle of international arbitration. It has long been held that questions of territory and national honor should not be submitted for settlement by arbitrators by a country not in the dispute. But this, it seems to me, is starting out on a basis entirely false. We have a precedent for the settlement of territorial disputes in the award of the Alaskan Boundary Commission, the Geneva Award and others affecting territorial contests. Why cannot the system be continued?"

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REFAREAST.

RUSSIA NOW FIGURES ON FIGHTING CHINESE.

[BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS—A.M.]

YIN KOW, March 14.—[By Asiatic Cable.] The local Russian authorities are apparently incensed and manifestly much annoyed at the solicitous inquiries of the commanders of foreign gunboats regarding the projected blocking of the Liao River before the arrival of the Japanese, which latter event is regarded as a foregone conclusion. Although the blocking of the Liao and also the defense of the settlement and native town are regarded as unattainable, it is certain that an important disposition of guns and the arrangement of a defense plan have already been made. The arrival of Gen. Kondravitch, a few days ago, however, arrested the arrangements and threatened to cause the abandonment of the original intention.

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THE CITY IN BRIEF.

NEWS AND BUSINESS.

Fay Engagement.

Miss Anna Eva Fay, psychic demonstrator, opened her engagement at Hamer's Pavilion last evening. Her audience was fair as to numbers, and she succeeded in winning the attention and interest of those before her, performing mysterious feats of psychic science.

Leg Broken by Hog.

George Miller, a butcher, had a leg broken yesterday by a hog which ran between his legs while he was inspecting a drove of porkers at the stock yards. The hog threw Miller and the bones of one of his legs were snapped just above the ankle. The fracture was reduced at the Receiving Hospital.

Theatrical Concert Postponed.

The Throop Mandolin and Guitar Club concert, which was to have been given this evening, was postponed on the advice of Plymouth Congregational Church, has been postponed on account of the Mozart Symphony concert this evening. Tickets are interchangeable at Bartlett's music store.

Die in San Diego.

G. Aubrey Davidson, cashier of the Santa Fe Railway, yesterday received the sad news of the death of his father Sunday night at San Diego. Mr. Davidson goes to San Diego today. The funeral will be held at that city Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Elsie A. Neiley and Miss Elsie Davidson of this city are daughters of the deceased.

Garvansia Car Derailed.

A Garvansia and Ninth-street car of the Pacific Electric Company was derailed on the Daly Street Viaduct last night about 10 o'clock, causing a long delay in the running of the "Blue Line." The accident was caused by a tender dropping and throwing the front trucks of the track. The damage was slight.

Saved His Finger.

J. J. Whitney, foreman in the plant of the Pacific Lumber Company, No. 3800 East Seventh street, lost part of the middle finger of his left hand by letting it come in contact with a horse saw yesterday morning. Although deprived of the use of his left hand for the time being, Mr. Whitney did not quit work on account of the accident.

To Find His Sister.

A telegram was received by the police department yesterday from the Coroner at Truckee stating that John Davidson, 21, of Valencia, Spain, had been accidentally killed there and that his sister resides in Los Angeles. The Truckee officials desire to communicate with the sister in order to know what disposition to make of the body. As yet the officers have been unable to find her.

Charged With Burglary.

Robert Lewis was arrested yesterday afternoon on East First street on a charge of burglary, by Patrolman Richards. He entered a room at the Baker Home on that street and was stealing whatever he could find when his presence was discovered. The officer found him in the place and took him in custody. At the Police Station a number of stolen articles were found on his person.

Heled to Answer.

United States Commissioner Van Dyke yesterday held an examination in the complaint against J. Schwager, who is charged with having found a postal money order, drawn in favor of another person, and having forged the signature thereon, thus securing payment at the postoffice in this city. The defendant was held to answer in the United States District Court.

Indians of Northwest.

At the meeting of the Methodist Ministers' Conference, Dr. Elbridge R. Young, the Canadian missionary, gave an interesting account of his work among the Indians of the great Northwest. Mr. Young was the first Protestant missionary to enter the Hudson Bay territory, where he now has an established church of 12,000 Indian members. He is on his way to Australia, and thence will continue on his journey around the world.

Goffield Collapsed.

A scaffold swung from the third story of the new Lankershim Building at Seventh street and Broadway, collapsed yesterday afternoon, precipitating Claus Quist and John Zahl, both of whom were engaged in tuck-pointing, to the sidewalk. Quist was badly hurt about the left hip and received cuts on the scalp and forehead. Zahl escaped with a few minor cuts and bruises. Both men were treated at the Receiving Hospital.

BREVITIES.

Mrs. Raynor of the "Adele," 318 South Broadway, has returned from New York, and announced her first showing of imported and domestic fashions for Monday and Tuesday, March 14-15. Mrs. Raynor has carefully selected the most exclusive artistic models, by the best French and American designers. Ladies who desire the correct modes are invited to call.

33 and 34 gold-filled reading eye glasses and spectacles at \$1.50. Waranted to wear for ten years. Eyes tested free with modern scientific instruments. Prescription work at half the usual price. Clark's Jewelry and Optical Store, 361 S. Spring st. near 4th.

To the ladies of Los Angeles—I have just arrived in your city with a complete line of stylish tailored street hats and pattern hats which have been made at very low prices. Tailor-made hats a specialty. Mrs. J. A. Hall, 622 South Broadway.

Telephone your "Want" ads to The Times. Special classes are conveniently in session at the other end of your phone to take your ad. Ring up any time of day or night. Sunset, Press 1; Home, Exchange 2.

Cooking demonstration at Y.W.C.A. Wednesday 3 p.m. "Fish, What to Buy, How to Cook." Single lecture \$5.00. Course ticket for lectures \$1.50.

We are sole agents for the famous Doane's butter. Adams & Hollingshead, 419 S. Broadway.

Dr. James A. Metcalfe, office 503 and 505 Grand Bldg., phone 762.

There are undelivered telegrams at the Fox Telegraph Cable Company for John G. Garger, J. H. Hershoff, Bertie McQuillan, Stack & Robbie, Henry T. Kelllogg.

There are undelivered telegrams at the office of the Western Union Telegraph Co. for Mrs. J. B. Brown, Miss 1245 and 1252 South Main, Mrs. H. H. Bergren, O. A. Waits, Miss Augusta Learned, Huber Fisk, H. H. Lauver, Billy Lynch, James Stroh, W. L. Case, T. H. Holmeyer, D. J. Brooks, Western Sugar Refining Co., J. F. Olsen, Charles Lopland, Mrs. Vettie A. Mills.

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WOMAN NABS SHOPLIFTER.

Canby Bell Detected in the Act of Robbing Store.

Is Captured After Struggle and Landed in Jail.

Desperate Family of Broth-ers—May go to Prison.

Detected in the act of committing a robbery, the notorious Canby Bell, a son of Maj. Horace Bell, and who with his brothers have given the police more trouble possibly than any family in the city, was captured last night after a long chase and promptly locked up. If possible the officers will prosecute him for felony, that depending upon the value of the goods he stole. His crime was shoplifting, and, under a recent decision of the Supreme Court, shoplifting is burglary.

Late yesterday afternoon young Bell entered the store of T. M. Green & Co., No. 2256 West Fourth street, and asked to be shown some articles. He looked at burnt leather goods, curios and other things, and when an opportunity presented itself, he concealed a valuable purse and one or two other articles under his belt. The theft was witnessed by the lady in charge of the store, and she sent him out. He showed no fight and they struggled to the street, the woman calling loudly for help. Her cries attracted D. R. Jones, next door, and he ran to her assistance. Bell said he was coming to rob the store, and when Jones joined him, he darted to Hill street and then toward Third. Jones gave chase and raised the cry of "stop thief." Main Mattinger of No. 2229 East Main joined Jones and succeeded in overtaking the thief on Third near Broadway.

Bell was taken back to the store and positively identified. Detective Ritch appeared a moment later and took Bell to the Police Station, where he gave his name as W. H. Horace Bell, and quickly identified, however, and promptly locked up. He refused to make any statement about the case.

Bell prompted the suicide of his wife about eighteen months ago, by accusing her of being unfaithful. He was arrested on April 11. Another brother is doing time in the Riverside Jail, and when he completes his sentence he will be prosecuted on an additional charge of perjury.

Two of the Bell brothers were arrested last night and were made to undergo the brace-gaining joint conducted by a professional grifter, named O'Brien, and when taken to the Police Station he was found in possession of one of them. He stated that he thought the other brother would throw it away and declared that he had not worked for months and did not propose to work as long as he could make his living by his wits.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

Albert Carlson, aged 21, a native of Sweden and Freda Wilson, aged 21, a native of native of Los Angeles.

Clarence C. Crist, aged 22, a native of Iowa, a resident of El Monte, and Grace P. Potts, aged 19, a native of Los Angeles.

Richard Plehn, aged 22, a native of Germany, and Antonine Salchak, aged 24, a native of Austria; both residents of Downey.

John E. O'Leary, aged 27, native of Washington, and Grace P. Etteman, aged 24, a native of Washington; both residents of Los Angeles.

William E. Wreth, aged 24, a native of Michigan, a resident of Ontario, and Anna M. Wreth, aged 21, a native of Missouri, both residents of Los Angeles.

John W. Riggs, aged 22, a native of California, and Agnes Benn, aged 18, a native of California; both residents of Oxnard.

DEATH RECORD.

DALEY—In this city, March 11, Joseph Daley, a native of Ireland, aged 51 years. Funeral from the undertaking parlor of Cunningham & O'Connor, 101 S. Spring st. at 9 a.m. Burial at St. Vincent's Church at 9:30 a.m. Internment at Forest Cemetery.

MILLER—In this city, March 12, 1894, William F. Marlow, aged 41 years. Funeral from the Methodist Church at 10 a.m. Friends invited. Internment in Cypress Cemetery.

VERGIL—In this city, March 12, 1894, Mrs. F. A. Vergil, aged 79 years. Funeral from the First Methodist Church at 10 a.m. Friends invited. Internment in Cypress Cemetery.

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Dimitics and Lawns 12c and 15c

and narrow stripes and chevron patterns, multi-colored effects and pastel shadings on white grounds, plain or fancy weaves, mixtures, etc.

Charvet Suitings 35c a yard

Handy mercerized novelties as soft and lustrous as silk, hair lines, broken silk embroidery dots, etc. New blues, grays, champagne colors, mixtures and all the popular styles.

Barege Novelties 40c

Novelty material almost as sheer as gossamer and as soft as a crepe de Chine. Fine checks, hair line effects and mixtures, especially for afternoons or evening costumes.

Silk Madras Checks 35c and 40c

Designed to a finish that more resembles silk than anything else, colored checks in different sizes, small or medium. The popular style fabric for shirt waist suits.

Silk Mixed Pongees 40c and 65c

Novelty material fully equal in wearing qualities, style and finish to the imported silk pongees. Plain or pretty embroidered dots and dice patterns, pongee colors and grays.

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ROBBING VETERANS OF PENSION MONEY.

Hungry Sharks Lie in Wait at Very Gates of Soldiers' Home—Old Men Beaten and Stripped—Three Gambling Hells Run Openly.

WITH wolfish eagerness, a horde of thugs, gamblers, prostitutes and sellers of evil liquors lay in wait yesterday, at the very gates of the Soldiers' Home, for the pension money to be paid in large amounts to the old veterans last night.

In order to protect the old soldiers, numbers of these creatures were driven out of Santa Monica just before the pension day—only that they should come with dripping jaws to wait in

he hastened with the eagerness of relatives to produce them.

As the players waited, he said plainly, "Go on with your game of hearts, boys."

Wasn't that a sly trick, though?

There, with big piles of poker chips in front of them, the three old rogues began playing the fascinating and thrilling game of hearts, a famous diversion at pink teas.

One of the old fellows did not know the game, and they had to punch him

diers, the following-named member is dishonestly discharged from the National Home for D. V. R. John Dunree, infantile Co. D, Forty-eighth Pennsylvania.

CAUSE FOR DISCHARGE.

Keeping a gambling house just outside the gates of the Soldiers' Home, and laying on continuing the place, with the understanding that he would be recommended for a honorable discharge.

O. H. LAGRANGE.

Dunree was caught by means of the written confession of one of the habitués of his place.

An old soldier overstayed his leave

and was brought before the governor's

court which meets every morning.



The game of "Hearts," as played in George Augustine's joint—above is Proprietor Augustine—below, Jean Gustave, he of the Innocent Cigar Stand.



Sawtelle, the little hamlet at the doors of the home reservation.

Sunday night two veterans coming from one of the gambling hells were robbed and beaten brutally within an arm's reach of the home grounds.

Three gambling hells were running in full blast yesterday in Sawtelle, just by the gates. Two are run by veterans, the third by a French gambler. In their greed, they kept wide open, shamelessly, carelessly. All were visited by Times men yesterday.

The first house of prostitution, to which the veterans often repaired, to flaunt itself at the very door of the government reservation, was opened in Sawtelle a few days ago—just before this pension day.

It was evident that a game had been interrupted. Three tables were in this place, covered with white cloth like the others.

One of the men who came out with Jean Gustave was a rough-looking fellow. He did not feel comfortable in the room, and went out on the porch afterward, but seemed afraid not to be. He discussed the weather with uneasiness.

"What is that sign, the Eagle—a newspaper?" asked one of the reporters.

He looked up at the sign with misgivings and said it was just a sign. "A cigar stand, you know," he explained.

But then one of the old soldiers came out of the place grumbling.

"I wish I could find out where there is a big game going on," he said resentfully.

Do these old soldiers play for big money? the question was then put to the man who took so friendly an interest in Jean Gustave.

He didn't know for a minute whether he had also been drinking.

A middle-aged woman, who said she was from Santa Monica, rented a house there last week; she said it was for a home for herself. The agents who rented it to her, have learned to their cost that she is running a house of ill fame.

Incidentally, Sawtelle is simply overrun with every sort of a sure-thing nickel-in-the-slot machine known, even to the poker-card hand, which has not moved out of its tracks.

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EVENTS IN LOCAL SOCIETY.

MONG the interesting strangers taking in the beauties of Southern California for the first time, is a lovely brown-eyed woman from Indianapolis, Mrs. Mary H. Flanner, who is well known as the writer of verses with a charm all their own. Some of which have appeared in the various periodicals and some of the most characteristic being published in "Poets and Poetry of Indiana." Many sweet children's poems are the work of her pen and remind one of Eugene Field's interpretation of the many happy phases of child life. "My Lady Just Over the



MRS. MARY H. FLANNER.

"Way" is the title of an exquisite bit of verse by Mrs. Flanner: "The Slave of the Vaughan," a true touch of negro characterization.

Mrs. Flanner is a woman of queenly presence and of rare ability as a reader and impersonator, Browning interpretations being her delight. She is making a tour of California in company with her talented friend, Mrs. Bertha J. Jaques of Chicago, and intends making a stay of several weeks in Los Angeles.

Pretty Music.

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Robson of Rochester, N. Y., and Miss Alice Graff of Chicago, Mrs. M. L. Eichholz of the Hotel Moore entertained with a musical last evening. The room was prettily decorated with the carrying out of an attractive color scheme. The hall and dining-room were filled with calla lilies and trailing nasturtium vines and blooms, in yellow. The curtains were artistically arranged in hanging batistes, and the lights shaded with yellow, cast a warm glow over the scene. The parlors contained clusters of pink carnations, geraniums, ferns, and the reception hall was transformed into a bower of golden beauty, with great masses of California poppies.

A delightful and interesting program was well received as follows: Flute solo, Mrs. J. J. Dufly; character, H. F. Crouch; mandolin solo, H. L. Deedroff; song, "Absence"; Miss Mulholland; harp solo, Miss Ivaleen Baldwin; solo, Mr. Crouch; "cello solo," Philip Fauerburn; mandolin solo, Mr. Deedroff.

After the musical programme was over, the last act of "Othello," as interpreted by Mr. Crouch, was given, and later refreshments were served and dancing enjoyed.

Luncheon to Mrs. Fralick.

Mrs. George E. Bovard of West Thirty-seventh street entertained most delightfully last Thursday in honor of Mrs. Fralick of Chicago, who is a guest of Mrs. Mrs. F. F. of Boyle Heights, and a near relative of Prof. Clark of the Chicago University, who has been lecturing here.

Owing to the clouds without, the luncheon was held in the Bovard residence with its soft blue draperies was brilliantly lighted, and bright golden daffodils and shy, sweet violets lent their beauty and perfume to the scene. Apples, oranges, and daffodils banked the buffet and were twined with artistic grace about the chandelier, while great bunches of violets greeted the guests as place cards. The colors of the flowers were further carried out in the handsome centerpiece of daffodils resting upon lace drawn work over yellow silk, the finishing touch being given by the green tracery of asparagus ferns lately laid here and there upon the white cloth.

Besides the guest of honor the congenial spirits who shared Mrs. Bovard's hospitality were Misses M. Mrs. F. F. Mrs. R. Bradley, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. C. H. Bradley, Mrs. C. B. Woodhead and Mrs. McIn-

thorpe.

Theater Party.

Last evening Karl Klokke and Winthrop Blackstone entertained the members of the Coulter-Posey bridal party with a boy party at the Casino Theatre. The party, which began with pretty girls escorted by the young men, wended their way to the Angelus, where supper was served. Those present were Misses Belle Coulter, Lelia Simonds, Frances Coulter, Mrs. Blackstone, Mrs. Van Nuys, Jane Campbell, Bertha Pollard, Eva Keane and Inez Moore, and Misses Charlie Houghton, Karl Klokke, Winthrop Blackstone, Wright Coulter, Oliver Posey, Will Nevin, John Posey and Charles Seylor.

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Notes and Personalities.

Mrs. Henry Clay Gooding and Miss Gertrude Gooding will be at home to their friends at No. 1926 Grand avenue on Wednesday, March 15.

Miss Pearl Seeley, who has been a guest of Mrs. Mrs. C. W. Greene of New York City, comes home today.

Mrs. Freda Ostrum and her daughter, Miss Nettie, of Colorado City, Pa., are visiting friends in Los Angeles. They have been in Ocean Park for two months and expect to return soon to their Eastern home.

One of the most popular dancing clubs in Los Angeles, Friday evening, March 15, will give the monthly dance next Friday evening, March 15, at Kramer's Hall.

WOMEN'S CLUBS.

The Ebell Club congratulated itself yesterday upon having accomplished something unusual in the enjoyable afternoon of local composers. Great pains had been taken to have each number fitly interpreted, and a fitting vote of thanks was given at the conclusion to Mrs. Jamison, curator of the music section, who had planned and carried through the whole affair.

There were many pleasing numbers on the programme, several of the composers adding to the interest by being present and playing the accompaniment to their own compositions.

Wade F. Chase was especially kind in lending sympathetic accompaniment to several numbers beside his own.

Two striking compositions by Mr. Chase, "Serenade," and "Still," were sung by Mrs. G. S. Vaughan, and two others, "Liebestraum," and "Ich Geliebt," were interpreted by Miss Linda E. Elsmeier, who also sang a churchly selection of Frederick Stevenson's, entitled, "The Lord is my Shepherd." Truly "Brahmsian" songs of Mr. Stevenson's, "It is I," was finely given by Miss Scarborough, who also sang "Love of a Day," by E. H. Clark.

The delightful voice of J. B. Poulin was "marvelously French" attractive singing "Bon Jour, Sun," by Henry E. Earl, who accompanied it, and also in a sweet song of "Spring Twilight," by M. F. Mason. Mrs. B. R. Baumgardt interpreted beautifully Henry Earl's song, "Love A-sleep." Then came violin solo, G. E. Pemberton given by Frederick Runke, two cello selections of M. F. Mason were played by Mrs. E. E. Carter, while Frank H. Colby opened the programme with his own piano composition, "Concerto." In the same way Colby gave a very musical and fitting interpretation of two of her husband's songs, "In Memory Dear," and "Smiles and Tears." A satisfactory conclusion to the afternoon was the cosy tea drinking where the members and a few of the composers had an opportunity to discuss it over the cups.

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Wilson Peak Party.

Miss Alice D. Skinkle, who has been in Los Angeles for the "Frenchy" bridal party with a boy party at the Casino Theatre, has been the object of much social attention in a quiet way, and on Sunday a party in her honor was arranged for a trip to Wilson's Peak, a bureau from Santa Anita, from Mt. Morris Camp, the party went to Mt. Harvard, Point of Rocks, and Observatory Point. The guests for the day were Miss Alice D. Skinkle, Miss Belle Coulter, Roy T. Jackson and Howard Rowles.

Miss Skinkle and her grandmothers leave the Hotel Guisalda, Pasadena, this week for Santa Barbara, so this trip was a sort of farewell in honor of the young lady.

Pratt's Yacht Party.

Yesterday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock Miss Edith M. Pratt of Upland became the bride of William C. Wyeth of Ontario. The ceremony was performed in the parlors of the Claremont Hotel, Rev. Samuel T. Montague officiating. Immediately after the ceremony, which was only witnessed by a few friends, the young couple departed for their new home in Ontario.

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Bath Robes—Your choice of anything in the house at Half Price.

Men's Overcoats—Your choice of anything we have left at Half Price.

Golf Shirts—100 dozen of regular \$1.25 and \$1 qualities; this week, 75c.

See Our Fifteen Show Windows.

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Spring and Summer Dunlap Hats Now Ready.



Choice Persian Rugs at Half Price....

Our half price sale includes every oriental rug in the house. Among them is a large and very choice assortment of Persian rugs, secured from the "far-in" districts where few collectors penetrate. Among these are:

Royal Sehna, Feraghan, Isphahan, Laristan, Kermanshah.

This sale is made for the purpose of reducing our stock to its proper proportions. It is the largest in our history and has been made too large by the addition of over 1100 new pieces which recently arrived. This is the last week of the sale.

Royal Bokhara from \$12.00 upward.

Baluchans from \$10.00 upward.

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[NEWS REPORTS FROM TIMES CORRESPONDENTS.]

FORESAW DEATH FOUR WEEKS.

SAD PROPHECY OF A HANFORD WOMAN FULFILLED.

Mrs. William Knight Passes Away in San Bernardino, Strangely True to Her Forecast—Drunkens and Profane Union-laborites Scandalize Neighborhood With Orgies.

BAN BERNARDINO. March 14.—Mrs. William Knight of Hanford died here last night, having predicted her death four weeks ago. At the time of the prediction she was seemingly in the best of health. She awoke one morning and informed her husband, a business man of Hanford, that her days were numbered, and within a month she would die. Knight tried every means to dispel the strange illusion from his wife's mind, but in vain. She immediately set to work arranging her effects, and sewing industriously in order to leave her three children with a wardrobe.

Though not melancholy at the prospect of death, Mrs. Knight was very dismally aware of the mental strain, and at an effort to free her mind the husband sent her here with her three children to visit friends.

At Tehachapi she was taken down with a severe cold, which developed into pneumonia and two days after her arrival she and two of her children were removed to the Maribor Hospital. The other children also ill with a similar ailment. After five days' illness Mrs. Knight passed away, thus fulfilling her strange prophecy.

LEAP MAY BE FATAL.

Word has been received at the County Hospital that A. E. Wilson, a high jumper, was terribly injured at Needles yesterday afternoon, and will be brought here tomorrow if he lives. He had just arrived from Ogden, Utah, and took up a collection from the citizens to pay his fare the last leg home from the top of a fifty-foot pole. Four Santa Fe employees held the net for him, and as he leaped they lost their heads, allowing the net to sag, the result being that Wilson struck the ground on his chest, the force of the impact causing his right hip and causing internal injuries which may prove fatal. Even should he recover he will be a cripple for life. The sum contributed for the leap was a little over \$1.

DRUNKEN UNIONISTS.

Persons residing near the "Hall of Labor" on Court street are up in arms as a result of the drunken orgies which occur there when certain labor organizations hold sessions. Some of the notorious ones, scandalized by the obscene language and profanity which marked the meeting, which continued until midnight, liquor flowing like water. The aftermath, as the drunken laborites stampeded out on the roof of the hall, was too sickening for accurate description, and aged men and women whose bedchambers open out on the roof were forced to seek quarters elsewhere. Complaint was made to N. A. Richards, the city controller, who closed the rooming house which adjoins the hall, and they have appealed to the police to abate the nuisance. A visit to the hall this morning revealed an empty beer keg as a large sack full of empty whisky, beer and wine bottles.

LOCAL PICKINGS.

The Chief of the fire department has initiated a movement for another fire company to be stationed in the western part of the city. The need is recognized, as it is easily seen that the town will be at the mercy of a fire should it break out in that section during a high wind while the present department is engaged elsewhere.

The Katz-Walkinshaw water case, recently decided in favor of the defendants by the Supreme Court, came up this morning in the Superior Court on a motion to set aside the findings, but went over two weeks owing to the absence of one of the attorneys.

A cross-complaint was filed today in the case of Bates against Lane, a suit brought for damages alleged to have been caused by the plaintiff on account of irrigation water flowing from the defendant's flume upon the former's orchard. In the cross-complaint no damages were asked.

William Rogers, a mechanic, while beating his way across the country on a Santa Fe freight train, was waylaid and held captive for a week. He was stowed away in a carload of pipe which had been shipped from Los Angeles to this city for the municipal water system, and the car came to a sudden stop in the yard, the force of the jolt snapping the load forward. Rogers was thrown against the end of the car, by the chest. Almost half the load had to be removed before he was released. He was unconscious when taken to the County Hospital, and will probably die. His chest is terribly crushed.

THE TIMES IN SAN BERNARDINO. A. W. Isquierdo, authorized agent, headquarters on Court street, San Bernardino, has sold his interest in the newspaper to L. D. Houston. For fear of the paper will keep the paper for sale, thus weakly the paper will be sold to the public and the yielding to the bluff of the boycotters and the threats of the mob, stands fast. The same as before, and independent citizens may always be served by him with their favorite journal.

REDLANDS.

THE SHOW IS ON. Redlands, March 14.—There was a decided clash today between the city officials and carnival company managers and proprietors of other tented attractions, relative to the locating of tents and other light structures inside the fire limits. The subject was compromised, and the show will proceed. The week's festivities opened this evening, but will not be in full swing until tomorrow.

RIVERSIDE.

COURTHOUSE STEEL. Riverside, March 14.—It transpires that one of the principal objects which the grand jury had in adjourning another week was to secure more evidence regarding certain alleged crookedness in the new courthouse construction. It is said that changes were made in the steel used about the structure and that, thus far, Contractor Engstrom has not entirely satisfied the members of the grand jury regarding the matter.

COACH FOR SHERMAN.

That Sherman Institute proposes to make a showing next fall in athletics

is evident from the fact that William J. Warner, coach of the Cornell football team, has been secured to take charge of the Indians. His brother, G. S. Warner, was the famous Carlisle coach and was a member of the All-American team last year.

The new coach will spend four months getting the Indians in fine shape, and for this he is to be paid \$1200. He will not come until early in the fall, and then everything will be pushed, and a very strong team is expected.

LOCALETTES.

This afternoon the funeral service of Irving H. Fay was conducted at Calvary Presbyterian Church. Mr. Fay was formerly a prominent resident of this city, but in late years he had been one of the "rometers" of Coachella, where he died last year.

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POPULAR GIRL VERY ILL. ANAHEIM, March 14.—Miss Claudia Darling, one of the popular and well-known young women of Anaheim, daughter of Agent Darling of the Southern Pacific, is dangerously ill at her home, and the three attending physicians entertain little hope of her recovery. Her sister, Mrs. A. E. Eberhart of El Casco, was wired yesterday to hurry to her bedside.

Mr. Guy Rose of Riverside and Mrs. Fred A. Fortune of Los Angeles, are the parents of their parents. Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Ladd, of their parents, are at their home on Railroad avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Murry McCullum and little daughter Margaret, arrived recently from Streator, Ill., to locate in Southern California. They are guests at the home of G. W. Hohenbalk.

LOUIS RICHARDS ENDS HIS DAYS.

WELL-KNOWN CHARACTER OF VENTURA DEAD.

Places Muzzle of Revolver in His Mouth, Pulls the Trigger, and All His Earthly Sickness is Forever Cured—News of the Land of the Bean.

(By DIRECT WIRE TO THE TIMES)

VENTURA, March 14.—[Exclusive Dispatch.] Louis Richards, an old man well known about town, was found dead today in a little house he occupied on West Main street. His body was lying across his bed, and a revolver by his side, and a pistol-ball hole in his mouth showed the cause of death. He had pulled the muzzle of the pistol into his mouth and pulled the trigger. The bullet came out the top of the head. Investigation by the Sheriff showed that Richards must have killed himself Sunday night.

A deed to the property on which he lived was found among his effects, as was a bank book, showing a small balance. Richards was employed for a time about the office of the Hospital and had recently been sick and an inmate of the institution, and it is thought sickness may have made him despondent. He was aged 64 years, a native of New York, with no relatives in this section.

HOBOS BUILDING ROADS. In Ventura the hobo has turned out to be somewhat of a blessing for he is doing his share in building some of the good roads—that is, the hobo and the Sheriff's rock pile working in conjunction are making themselves felt in the direction of better roads. Just now the main highway leading out of town to the eastward is being rebuilt by Supervisor Gabbert. The hobo is used right now.

This broken rock is being put on the road to a depth of seven or eight inches, with the result that about a mile of good road has already been completed. Ever since the explosion of the rock pile was built by the Southern Pacific Company at Oceano, identical with the one destroyed last summer by fire, it is a two-story structure.

The Santa Maria Lodge of Odd Fellows had a big celebration at their last regular meeting. A special train came down from San Luis Obispo with 150 visitors. During the evening a feast was given at the McMillan's hall.

HERE AND THERE. The Dr. Stevens barn at Huemene was destroyed by fire and a colored hostler sleeping in the building, Robert Jamison, had a close call. Jamison neglected to extinguish the oil lamp burning near his bed. Suddenly it exploded, scorching the oil all about the hostler, but the whole loft of the building was spared.

Saturday two dapper L.A. men, who said they were drummers, went to a local livery stable to hire a team to drive a piano. The stable owner, a patient whose confidence and mind are disengaged through failure and disappointment, Dr. H. E. Dean, who knew how to cure you, it is the cheapest, street and shortest way out. We have been 21 years in the business.

THROWING ROCKS AT CARS. Throwing rocks at street cars is a pastime in which boys out on Buena Vista street and Pasadena avenue have been indulging for several nights, but so far the miscreants have escaped. Last night at a Dally-ante car was returning to the station on Caron Street a large rock was hurled against the side with terrific force, shattering a window and slightly injuring a passenger. Conductors on this line report that they have been annoyed repeatedly by rock throwers, and on one occasion an effort was made to knock a car by throwing a switch.

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OXNARD.

INSTALLATION AND BANQUET. OXNARD, March 14.—Oxnard Chapter, No. 36, Royal Arch Masons, gave a banquet at the Auditorium on Tuesday evening, which will be remembered long and pleasantly by all those who attended. The chapter conferred the Royal Arch degree upon Jay Spence, president of the Bank of Oxnard; W.

M. Waterman, of the firm of Lehmann & Waterman, and Albert O. Browne, superintendent of this division of the Sunset Telephone Company. After the work in the lodgeroom the visitors were taken in charge and are present directed to the ballroom where an elaborate supper had been prepared by the wives and lady friends of the Masons. High Priest P. S. Carr presided as toast master, and a goodly number of prominent and famous embittered in the chapter followed. Visitors were in attendance from Santa Barbara, Santa Paula, Ventura and other places. The chapter now has a membership of about fifty, and has as fine a set of paraphernalia as any chapter on the Coast.

CHURCH DEDICATED.

The new Baptist Church was dedicated yesterday. The Methodist and Christian churches united in service with the Baptist, and there were delegations from many churches throughout the county. The church has only been established through the persistent and untiring efforts of the little congregation, and help of a substantial sum of money has been received from several sources. The new pastor, Rev. S. A. Douglas, was installed.

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The **WIVES OF THREE PASADENA
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DR. O. C. JOSLEN
The leading specialist
in my field with patients
I am always willing to help you
but I am not sure it is effective.

WEAKNESS

Forms of treatment based upon my experience and upon the results of my practice have given me a real lack of energy, tonic system of treatment and the like. "Weakness" is a symptom of prostatic disorder, which is a chronically inflamed condition resulting in the prostate gland, and is a method of local treatment, which is the best treatment for the prostate gland. The Board of Trade has been notified that the California Promotion Committee of San Francisco will visit here on April 10th.

Constable Harry Newell is in bed with rheumatism and Constable S. L. Wallis is slowly regaining his strength from an operation for appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Smith of Pasadena, who were celebrating their sixtieth wedding anniversary with a luncheon at No. 274 North Raymond avenue.

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"Our wants are more than our needs." So says the Times, and we will "wait no more." Telephone your "wants" to Red 1451, and our Pasadena agency will take your ad, and send it to the main office.

A new line of shirt-waist silks just arrived to Bon Accord.

Wigwams, Indian curios, antiques, 280 S. Marengo.

Gingham for school dresses at the Bon Accord.

Cut flowers at Glascow's, Wadsworth sells paints.

**WOMAN'S LOVE
TURNS TO HATE.**

HER PLAINT IS HEARD BY SAN
PEDRO JUSTICE.

Isabel Jester, a comely Mexican-Matron, charges Manuel Alfaro With Battery and Accuses Him of Kidnapping Her Child—Romance Dead.

SAN PEDRO, March 14.—Terminal Island furnished a sadly-mixed love affair in Justice Downing's court this morning. Isabel Jester, a comely Mexican woman, swore to a complaint charging Manuel Alfaro with battery.

About two years ago Isabel was living with her husband in Albuquerque, N. M., Manuel Alfaro lived in the same city with his wife. One day Isabel's husband told her he was going to a wedding anniversary with a luncheon at No. 274 North Raymond avenue.

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EL MONTE.

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT.

EL MONTE, March 14.—The lumber yard has opened for business under the management of F. H. Sappington of Whittier. Mr. Sappington will build a fine residence.

J. Kallmeyer, who came here from Texas a short time ago, will start a business in the building formerly occupied by Quick & Kallmeyer as a barbershop.

At the last meeting of the Order of the Eastern Star several members were initiated. Mrs. Routgan, grand matron from San Francisco, was present at the meeting. After the initiation the members of the lodge went to the home of J. Kauffman, where refreshments were served.

CATALINA ISLAND.

NOTES AND PERSONALS.

ANALON, March 14.—Walter Fairbanks, the golf player, came over yesterday and is exercising his muscles on the Catalina links.

Col. W. H. Bullen of Los Angeles, Pacific Coast agent of the Grand Trunk Railway; Fred F. Bullock and wife of Chicago; Albert Lieber and wife of Indianapolis, Ind., and Miss Weed of Los Angeles are at present guests at Hotel Metropole.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Barnes of Los Angeles are occupying their cottage here for a few weeks.

Moses Dillon, a prominent business man and practical engineer, and B. F. Clark, and of Denver, Colo., with their families, have been here for six weeks, have taken Capt. Burnham's cottage, "Island Home," for another month.

Frank J. Reed of Chicago, general passenger agent of the Monon Road, who with his wife and J. W. Haskell and wife have been doing the island for a few days, left for the mainland today.

John McNab, who is now engaged in running a cigar-stand and fruit ranch in Ventura, comes to visit his mother and sister here.

Rev. Alphonse Miller, pastor of the Catholic Church here, who was in Los Angeles, Ill., for some weeks past, is again here.

J. Miller Francis, Mrs. J. M. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Clark and two children, Mrs. L. Loomis and Miss C. Epperson of Chicago and Mrs. J. J. Danner of South Mich., are a party at Hotel Metropole.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Woodbridge of Meeker, Colo., are at the Grand View.

Miss Louise Hoshay of Los Angeles, Mrs. E. H. Hastings of Los Angeles, and Miss Grace D. Gray of Minneapolis, their guest, are enroute in the Brahma cottage for a week.

George F. Farris of Pasadena is at the Grand View. L. J. Marshall of Los Angeles is at the same hotel.

The Hospital W.C.T.U. selected as president, Mrs. C. T. Chase; vice-president, Mrs. Stellar, Mrs. Earl, Mrs. Baird; recording secretary, Mrs. Taff; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Ashcroft; treasurer, Mrs. Dora Daskron; parity and mothering, Mrs. G. T. Gower; lower deacons, Mrs. Waish; mercy, Mrs. B. C. Edwards; humane work, Mrs. W. O. Edwards; M. T. S. work, Mrs. Ashcroft; Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. L. L. Marshall, and Mrs. Taft were elected delegates to the Long Beach convention April 12-14.

SIERRA MADRE.

HIGH HAMLET NOTES.

SIERRA MADRE, March 14.—The Choral Society, assisted by Miss Gossom, Tom Stone and Hubert Whitehead of Los Angeles, gave a concert Saturday evening at the Town Hall to a crowded house. It was a success in every particular.

A large force of men is building E. W. Ward's fine residence on Highland avenue.

Work will be begun in a few days on the Episcopal parsonage on La Sierra.

Dr. Kitchen is having plans drawn for a residence on Hermosa avenue.

Mr. Hanson, father of J. S. Hanson, left for New York to remain six weeks.

Miss Linda Hensley will leave on the 27th Inst. for Philadelphia, where she will be joined in May by Mr. and Mrs. Hensley, to pass the summer.

Mrs. W. S. Anderson and son Raynard will be in Los Angeles on Sunday.

Miss Mary Foy of Hotel Sierra Madre, with several Los Angeles girls, was beautifully decorated with plants and flowers and initiated several members in the banquet-room covers here for 150 guests.

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CLAREMONT.

CHAPEL TO BE ENLARGED.

CLAREMONT, March 14.—Active plans are under way for the enlargement of Holmes Hall chapel. Two months ago \$5000 was secured by Prof. C. B. Summer for this purpose, and it is now considered that the different plans of enlargement, whichever plan is adopted, the addition will be built immediately after the close of the college year.

Consumption and Pneumonia.

are largely spread through infected sputum.

purely air receptacles with Plaut's Chloride,

the ordinary disinfectant.

PERSONAL.

George W. Hazen, of the United States Secret Service, located at San Francisco, is at the Van Nuys Broad-

way.

The Swift family, of pork-packing

firm, arrived at the Van Nuys last

night en route from Santa Barbara to their home in Chicago. In the party are Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Swift, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Swift, Mrs. W. Swift and George H. Swift.

George Isaac left for Europe yester-

day and will sail from New York on

the 29th Inst. He goes on a pleasure

trip. He will be gone about four months, and will spend most of June in Paris.

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